



VOLUNTEER TRAINING - SADDLING

There are many areas where it will be impossible to achieve an “Above standard” mark; since the correct method will be the only safe method accepted. To achieve an “Above standard” mark will require that a candidate demonstrates the “At standard” requirement PLUS any additions mentioned in the “Above standard” column.

In some areas, this rubric refers to the “correct” methods of performing a task. Please refer to the following publications for acceptable “correct” methods: CanTRA Instructor Manual; CTRAI Home Study: Manual of Horsemanship – British Horse Society and Pony Club: Stable Management in Canada.

Topic	Evidence	Above required standards (3)	At required standards (2)	Below required standards (1)
Saddling	Organization of tack.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> .Saddle, saddle pad, girth all properly “put up” close to but out of reach of the horse	<input type="checkbox"/> Tack left in tack room requiring numerous trips. <input type="checkbox"/> Tack placed on floor incorrectly.
	Placing/fitting of saddle pad/blanket.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct placement/fitting of pad/blanket accompanied by reasons why.	<input type="checkbox"/> Saddle pad incorrectly placed. <input type="checkbox"/> Uneven. <input type="checkbox"/> Wrinkled. <input type="checkbox"/> Not slid back into place.
	Placing/fitting of saddle.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct placement/fitting of saddle accompanied by reasons why.	<input type="checkbox"/> Saddle placed too far forward /too far back. <input type="checkbox"/> Pad not pulled up into gullet. <input type="checkbox"/> Stirrups not run up or crossed before saddling.
	Fitting of girth.	<input type="checkbox"/> Knows type of girth.	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct fitting of girth with an explanation of why.	<input type="checkbox"/> Girth uneven. <input type="checkbox"/> Done up wrong side/wrong way round. <input type="checkbox"/> Too loose, too tight.
	Involvement of volunteer.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer allowed to “try” each step of the saddling process once demonstrated. <input type="checkbox"/> Good knowledge demonstrated. <input type="checkbox"/> Good rapport with volunteer, volunteer is made to feel at ease & not asked to perform any tasks they are not comfortable undertaking.	<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer only watches. <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient or incorrect information given to volunteer.
	Terminology.	<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Good use</i> of the correct terminology.	<input type="checkbox"/> Correct terminology used. <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence from the demonstration that candidate does this on a regular basis.	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor terminology. <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient correct terminology.

	Safety.	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A.	<input type="checkbox"/> Safe presentation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Unsafe practice/s demonstrated, e.g. <input type="checkbox"/> Saddle not in good repair. <input type="checkbox"/> Girth too tight, not tight enough. <input type="checkbox"/> Stirrups not run up or crossed before or after saddling etc.
	Overall presentation.	<input type="checkbox"/> In-depth &/or additional knowledge of subject evident.	<input type="checkbox"/> Well-organized, concise, clear, accurate & complete delivery of topic. <input type="checkbox"/> Good rapport with volunteer.	<input type="checkbox"/> Untidy, slow, incomplete, incorrect presentation. <input type="checkbox"/> Fails to demonstrate confidence or familiarity with equipment.

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